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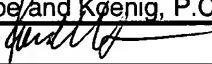
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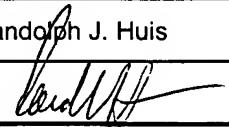
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A priority document was submitted with the filing of the application on October 17, 2003. It has come to the attention of the Applicant that the priority document filed may have been erroneously printed by the European Patent Office on only one side of each sheet of the priority document. If such error has occurred, every other page of the filed priority document may be missing.

Accordingly, Applicant has procured a new priority document from the European Patent Office and includes that complete priority document herewith. If the Examiner

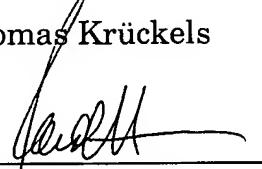
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has any questions regarding the above-described circumstances, please contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Further to Applicant's Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

Pursuant to Pre-Official Gazette Notice signed July 11, 2003 waiving the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. documents have not been included. Copies of all other cited references are enclosed.

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The relevance of German language reference, EP 1125652, can be found by referring to corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,545,246 which is also listed on the Form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

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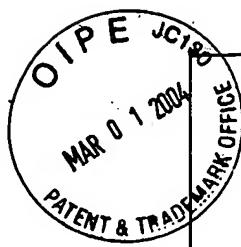
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